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PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OCT. 24 (REUTERS)--
A CZECHOSLOVAK-BORN RESIDENT OF VIENNA FOUND GUILTY OF JOINING
THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAS BEEN SENTENCED
TO EIGHT YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR ESPIONAGE, THE
CZECHOSLOVAK INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE MAN, KAREL BEJCEK, 52, WAS ARRESTED IN MAY WHEN
HE RETURNED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS A TOURIST.

HE WAS FOUND GUILTY BY A REGIONAL COURT AT CESKE
BUDEJOVICE IN SOUTHWEST CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF HAVING JOINED
THE C.I.A. AFTER ESCAPING TO AUSTRIA IN 1949,
THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

HE WAS DESCRIBED AS A COLLABORATOR OF KAREL GRUBER, ANOTHER
C.I.A. AGENT SENTENCED TO DEATH IN 1954. BEJCEK
PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGES AND ADMITTED
HELPING 14 SPIES TO ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE MINISTRY STATED.

SEVERAL OF HIS COLLABORATORS, WHO HAD BEEN TRIED EARLIER,
TESTIFIED FOR THE PROSECUTION, THE STATEMENT ADDED.
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